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LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

The Business and Social Life of Every Town and Settlement Reflected in These Columns.

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

UNCASVILLE

Union Baptist Picnic a Splendid Affair-Dr. Taylor Returns from Harvard Medical School-Former Pupils of Thomas Latham and Miss Lucy Allen Had Reunion.

The members of the Union Baptist Sunday school held their annual picnic at Richards' Grove Saturday with a large attendance. A lunch consisting of sandwiches, cake, lemonade and watermelon was served to all at 1.30 p. m. Games, boating and bathing were indulged in. Several who were former members who had moved out of town took this opportunity to renew old associations. The affair was pianned and carried out by Miss Alice E. Hooper, superintendent of the Sunday school, assisted by a special committee composed of Mrs. Fred I. Philips, Mrs. Norman Alien and Mrs. Ray ips, Mrs. Norman Allen and Mrs. Ray

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Phinney, who Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Prinney, who have been spending this week the guests of Mrs. Phinney's auni, Mrs. Henry Dart, returned to their home in Boston accompanied by Mrs. Dart.
Miss Carrie Broderick of New Haven was the guest of friends in Pequot last week.

At Camp Grounds. Mrs. Fred J. Hope spent a few days last week at the Willimantic camp grounds.

Mrs. Edwin S. Henry was a visitor

children of Salem are guests this week at the home of Mrs. Hanney's par-ents. Mr. and Mrs. Moses Chapman, the week-end.

Mrs. R. G. Cooper and daughter,
Miss Grace Hooper, returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in New
Haven.

Francis F. Parker and sister. Mies Carrie Parker, are entertaining this week their nephews, the Rev. William Beard of Williamstic and Maurice Beard of St. Louis, Mo.

Lis spending several weeks with the saunt, Mrs. W. Irving Browning.

Montville Defeated Hanover.

As interesting game of ball was witnessed by a large number of spectators on the Montville grounds Saturday afternoon between Montville and Hanover, the final score being 3 to 1 for the Montville team.

Edwin Babbitt of Hanover was the guest of his sister last week.

Former Pupils Had Reunion. The former pupils of the First district (Uncasville) school who attended during the years which it was taught by Thomas Latham and Miss Lucy Allen held a reunion at the school-house Friday from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Mr. Latham and Miss Allen were there. Mr. Latham and Miss Allen were there, Mr. Latham coming from his home in Ledyard where he still teaches, and Miss Allen from Waterford, near the town line. Both Mr. Latham and Miss Allen spent the better part of their lives teaching this school, Miss Allen beginning her duties in 1873, while Mr. Latham started in a few years later, each having taught about 29 years. The affair was planned by Mrs. Walter C. Jones of New London and Miss Harriet Walten of Boston, who is spending a few weeks in town.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leffingwell attended camp meeting at Williamanfarm house will have occasion to re-member Tuesday for many weeks to come. Under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blake, who are in charge of the farm, they enjoyed an outing at Golden Spur. The outing was given by the members of the La-dies Aid society of the Baptist church.

Auto Party to Hartford. An automobile party composed of George H. Bradford, Dan D. Home and Fred J. Hope, went to Hartford on Monday, returning to their home Tues-day night.

Stephen Parker Injured. Stephen Parker of Montville Center while assisting in raising the frame work for a barn for Peter LaFlamme fell from the staging and was quite badly injured, several bad bruises besides a sprained ankle were sustained.

Campers from New York—Local People at Camp Meeting.

Miss Nellie Crabb and Mrs. W. A. White have returned home, after spending a few weeks at Willimantic camp

Local Notes. Mr. and Mrs. Edna Comstock are entertaining Misses Mildred and Fanny Raymond of Niantle this week.

The Young People's society of the Baptist church have a new plano for use in the weekly meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan D. Home are entertaing their meecs, the Misses Edna and Bessie Home of New London.

MOHEGAN.

Attended Funeral of G. W. Jencks-Visitors in Town.

number from this place attended the funeral of G. W. Jencks at Nor-with Monday. Mr. Jencks used to live here and had many friends who ex-tend sympathy to the bereaved ones. G. R. Sanders visited his niece, Mrs. Brainerd, in Norwich the first

the week.
William Shea of Providence was a

Mrs. Lucy Fielding has for guests this week her little grandchildren. Masters Earl and Heroid Quidgeon of New London.

house Sunday evening. He is to be Haven, here again on the 29th inst.

Mrs. Charles Pratt had a very had spell with her heart Angust 24.

Master Floyd Barber has returned to his home after a week's visit with his anole and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. William Bitgood of Hopeville.

Miss Edith Barber is visiting with her aunt and uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Remington of Oneco.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bitgood and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Whippie of Hopeville and Mrs. George Daw-

ley and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber and son and Mrs. William Bitgood of Voluntown went to Ocean Beach August 22.
Miss Lottie Reynolds of Exeter, R.
L. visited at Mrs. Charles Barber's one

day recently.

Master Charles Bitgood is visiting his nunt, Mrs. Bennen, at Moosup.

Grover Frye has gone to Providence to see his uncle, Amos Frye.

BOZRAH.

Local Grangers Attend Field Meeting at North Woodstock-Visitors of the Week.

Miss Alice A. Bishop and Miss Maude G. Lathrop attended the meet-ing of the Windham county Pomona held at the home of the State Master, L. H. Healey of North Wood-stock Thursday. Full Attendance at Grange

There was a full attendance at the grange Wednesday evening. The unwritten work was taken up, and Can Alfulfa he Successfully Grown in Connecticut was discussed. On account of the fair the next meeting will be held Thursday evening. Sept. 9.

Annual Picnic Today.

Mrs. Charles N. Chappell left town Saturday to spend this week with friends in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Phillips of Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Hanney and the home of Mrs. Winfield

Mrs. Maris Fogg has returned from Litchfield, where she went Sunday to attend the funeral of her brother, Ira

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C. I. Willis, who has been spending several weeks in the Grove, left Wednesday for Sag Harbor, L. L. accompanied by H. M. Johnson.

William Bogue of Norwich was a visitor in the Grove Sunday.

Frank Cody, sergeant of police at New. Rochelle, N. Y., returned to his home Tuesday, after spending his vacation with his family at the home of Captain Frank Manwaring on the Black Point road.

Miss Mollie Cody returned with her father to her, home in New Rochelle, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert of Laurel Hill spent Sunday with relatives it town.

Mrs. Mary Dolbeare of Norwich was
the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Dol-

beare Sunday Clarence Leffingwell and family of

tic Sunday.
William Rankin of Norwich was the

guest of friends in this place recently Many from out of town attended the lawn social which was held at Mrs. Mary Gray's Tuesday evening.

William Gallup, Sr., of West Plain
and Mrs. Thomas Leffingwell of this
place attended the Bill dinner at Ledyard Wednesday.

GARDNER LAKE

White have returned home, after spending a few weeks at Willimantic camp

Abraham S. Gold, Morris Marcue and Nathan I. Saches of New York are camping on the shores of Gardner Lake, coming here direct from their camp site on the Racquett Lake, in the

Adirondacks.

Miss Grace Lathrop is visiting relatives in Norwich.

Frank N. Gardner of Yantic called on relatives Tuesday. W. A. White spent Sunday at Wil-limantic camp grounds.

LISBON

Camp Ground Visitors-Earl Palmer's Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kennedy and four children Ethel, Alfred. Ruth and Royal spent Sunday in Central Village with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Collins. Misses Lizzle and Lena Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Weeks, Herman Learned, Walter and Harry Corbett attended the Willimantic camp ground

Mrs. Susan Kanaban spent the lat-ter part of the week on the camp grounds and also with her sister, Mrs. E. B. Walden of Willimantic.

Master Willie Cook of Norwich is waiting his grandmother, Mrs. Gussie Baker, this week.

Mrs. Demas Davis and son Raymond for the first open and t

of Mystic were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hunter, the past week.

W. C. Bestlever preached to a full canaan and also relatives in New Mrs. Sunday available.

MASSAPEAG.

OLD MYSTIC

Salute for Trolley Surveyors-Mr. and Mrs. William D. Beckwith Married 30 Years-Rev. J. M. Olmstead on

When the crew surveying for the Old Mystic trolley appeared on the hill of Simeon Gallup in plain view across the Mystic river from iverview, Charles Q. Eldredge welcomed them by a salute of thirteen guns. the Mystic

Thirtieth Anniversary of Marriage. Mr. and Mrs. William .D. Beckwith of Smith street celebrated on Friday of Smith street celebrated on Friday evening, August 20th, the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage. About forty guests were present on this happy occasion to congratulate the bride and groom of thirty years. Wedding music was played by Miss Nellie F. Schoonover of Edenhurst, and Miss Mattie Haven Beckwith, only daughter of the host and hostess. The only grandchild of the thirty years' wedded of the nost and nostess. The only grandchild of the thirty years' wedded pair was among the guests, wee Dorothy Beckwith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence William Beckwith, also of Smith street. Old Mystic. Mrs. Beckwith was the recipient of a goodly number of oretty and valuable presnumber of pretty and valuable presents. Refreshments were served. Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. George Haven of New London, Miss Alida Miner, Miss Johnson and Charles H. Johnson of Mystic and Rev. Herbert Bacon Hutchins and Mrs. Hutchins of Lewiston, Me.

Pleasant Party.

Annual Picnic Today.

The annual picnic will be held on the church lawn today (Saturday).
Clam chowder, cake and ice cream will be served at moon.
Ralph Baker and Miss Clara Baker of Abington have been spending a week with their uncle, Robert Baker of Borrah street.
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dickey and Miss Perkins of Norwich Town visited their daughter on Bear Hill, Mrs. C. J. Abell Wednesday.
Mrs. Mary Beard and her son Maurice Beard of Flushing L. L. and Niss Carrie Parker of Montville were guests of Mrs. O. A. Bishop Tuesday.
Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Fox and son Kennett have returned home after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gager.

NIANTIC

Cottagers Are Leaving for the Season—Attended Funeral of Brother in Litchfield—Personals.

Joseph W. Hill has returned from a trip to Hartford, John Songster of New London was in town Wednesday on business.
Ernest Spencer of Salem was calling on his mother, Mrs. A. E. Spencer, and other relatives in the village recently.
Mrs. Maris Fogg has returned from Litchfield, where she went Sunday to attend the funeral of the present to relative at Warren, Mass.

Hutchins of Lewiston, Me.
Pleasant Party.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lamphere of Elm cottage pleasantly entertained on Wednesday evening from 8 to I1 a party of friends in honor of Rev. Herbins of Lewiston, Me. at their son's bungalow, Fern-croft, on the Lantern Hill road. The other guests were Rev. Benjamin M. Denniston, pastor of the Old Mystic M. E. church, Mrs. Denniston and her son Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Q. Eldredge, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Q. Eldredge of Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus H. Schoonover, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gager.

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arm has returned from a visit to rel-atives at Warren Mass. Rev. Herbert Bacon Hutchins of Lewiston, Me., will occupy tre pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday.

FRANKLIN

Church Closed for Camp Meeting-Local People at Exeter Fellowship

Benjamin H. Smith returned on Wednesday to his home in East Lyme, Conn., after spending the summer with his grandmother, Mrs. B. F. Green-slit on Lebanon road. slit on Lebane

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Banning and Mrs. Gleason closed their cottage in the Grove Wednesday and returned to their homes in Hartford.

LEFFINGWELL.

A large number from Fransklin attended the Willimantic Camp meeting on Sunday. The Franklin Congregational church was closed on that day. Mrs. James L. Wheeler of New London, Miss Josie Rogers of Norwich and Miss Pearle Wheeler of New London were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Wilcox on Sunday. Miss Eleanor Beckwith is spending a

Wilcox on Sunday.

Arthur L. Smith and Miss Blanch Smith have returned home after spending a few days in East Lyme the guests of Mrs. H. J. Smith. Miss Adelaide Brown of Berlin was

the guest for a few days this week of the guest for a few days this week of her sister, Miss Mabel Brown.

Dr. Clinton Case of Boston and Arthur L. Simpson of Norwich were the guests of Mr. Simpson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson on

Wednesday Several from this town attended the Fellowship meeting in Exeter on Wednesday.

nesday. The Franklin Congregational church form a part of this Fellowship

GOSHEN.

W. H. Geer and Family Attended Bill gather. Dinner - Number at Fellowship

A number from this place attended the Sunday school plenic of the Leb-anon First Congregational church, which was held at Columbia lake on Friday.
J. Y. Thomas has been spending a

few days with friends in Portland.

Mrs. William Asplund of Greeneville was a visitor here this week.

Mrs. Arthur Watrous of Norwich
has been visiting friends here.

W. H. Geer and family attended the

Bill Library anniversary in Ledyard

A good number from this place attended the interesting Fellowship meeting held with the Exeter church on Wednesday.

on wednesday.

William Fergaran and sister Miss.

Edith Fergason of Chicopee Falls,

Mass., are guests at the home of

W. T.-Curry.

LIBERTY HILL

The News of the Week.

A. W. Noyes, traveling passenger agent of the Chicago and Great West-ern railroad, and his daughter are the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. E. A. Noyes. Hiss Maud Harvey is to teach the istrict school the ensuing term.

House Stands in Four Towns Mrs. Sarah Willis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Hewling at Parish hill, Chaplin. Their house stands in four towns, Hampton, Chaplin, Scotfour towns, Hampt and and Windham.

C. E. Picnic Wednesday.

The C. E. picnic will take place Columbia reservoir Wednesday. September 1st. Mrs. Walter Clearland is entertaing her parents from New York. Mrs. Henry V. Oehlers returned to ew York city Wednesday.

CAMPBELL'S MILLS

S. L. Barber will Carry School Children.

I. Barber has taken the confrom district No. 9 to district No. 10 for the next year.

Mrs. Joseph James is in very poor

Walter James and family are occupying their cottage at Beach pond.

FRANKLIN

At Exeter Fellowship Meeting-Large Party from Camp Ground Visited Baileys Ravine and Ayers Moun-

Those who attended the fellowship meeting in Exeter on Wednesday from Franklin were Mrs. Lucien Smith, Miss Estelle Lathrop, Mrs. Sarah Greenslit, Frank Greenslit, Mr. and Mrs. Rockwood and Mrs. Fred Race.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hyde entertained on Friday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Anson Hoxie and son Harry of Providence, R. I., Mr. and Mrs. William Adams and daughter Bernice of New Haven, Mrs. Fred Swift and daughter Hazel and Miss Lucy Hyde of Willimantic. of Willimantic.

Miss Bagley and Miss Gleason of New York are the guests of Mrs. John Mrs. H. F. Cheney of Jewett City was the guest of Mrs. H. A. Gager this

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Geer of Jew-ett City were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Robinson on Monday. Edna Vallette of Moodus is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Ayer.

Party Visited Ayers Mountain. On Friday of last week a large party from the comp grounds conduct-ed by the Rev. J. E. Pisher of Bridge-ton, R. I. visited Ayers mountain, the Dragon Den and Balleys Ravine. At Dragon Den and Baileys Ravine. At noon a bountiful lunch was served. The party included the following: Mrs. Fannie A. King of Danielson, Miss Bellc Manuel, Miss Emmg Manuel, Miss Sadle Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes. Paul V. K. Holmes and Harold Perkins, all of New London; Miss Marguerite Wolcott of Norwich; Miss M. D. Kukpjetrick, Miss M. Jovce and Miss M. Câdy of Hartford; Miss Irva Webster of Middletown, Miss Jennie W. Vanderbrook, Miss Mabel F. Buzzel, Miss Hannah J. Buzzel and Mrs. E. E. Lyman of South Manchester; E. L. Coupton of East Orange, N. J., and Clifford H. Robinson, who acted as guide.

ASHWILLETT

Death of Horace F. Woodmansec-Happenings of the Week.

After an illness of several manths, borne with patience and fortitude. Horace F. Woodmansee passed peacefully away at his home, at West Ashwillett. Saturday morning. Mr. Woodmansee was an indulgent husband, a kind father and an obliging neighbor and friend and was esteemed by the whole community. The deceased, with his family, moved to this place from Norwich in 1884. After occupying the C. H. Maine place for nearly eleven years they moved to the Avery N. Eccleston farm, and after a residence of a few years there moved to the William Richardson place in 1899 in the region of Preston City. Mr. Woodmansee is survived by his wife, who was May Gordon of Norwich, and by three sons, John of Grisgo, Albert of Pachaug and Charles of Plainfield, and one daughter, Mrs. Hattle M. Dawley of Griswold. He was a native of Rockville, R. I., where he has two brothers, Deacon W. W. Woodmansee and Albert L. Woodmansee, and one sister, Mrs. O. A. Clark, still living. The funeral was held on Monday morning from his late home and at the close of the services Undertaker G. S. Rix took the remains to the Pachaug cemetery for burlal. After an illness of several manths, the Pachaug cemetery for burial.

Personals. Mr. and Mrs. S. Curtis Eggleston and two daughters, Gladys and Ethel, of South Lyme, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Randall in this place Wednesday.

New Dam.

Otto Anderson of New York is passing the week at his farm here. He is building a new dam at the Maine reser-

Rev. J. Howard Adams will speak in the chapel here Sunday afternoon at Local residents attended the Sunday school convention held Wednesday at Stonington.

LEDYARD

Norwich Teacher from Poquetanuck School-Charles A. Gray Will Have Good Crop of Peaches.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher M. Gallup of Brooklyn were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allyn and at-tended service at the church. Rev. W. F. White preached to a good sized audience in the large tent on the church lawn on Sunday morn-

Mrs. Julia Cromwell and son of Dodgeville, N. Y., is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Sarah H. Main at Lan-

peach house to pack and sort his large crop of fruit which he expects to Miss Laura Perkins of Gales Ferry is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James H.

Miss Annie Grady of Willimantic has

been visiting with the Misses Jennie and Florence Bennett. Miss Elizabeth Mullen of Norwich, a former teacher in this town, has been engaged as principal of the Poquetan-Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Karoli vis-ited relatives in Preston City last Sun-

SOUTH LYME.

Union Sunday School Enjoys Annual Outing.

Mrs. Gertude Slate has returned to New London, after a two weeks visit with relatives in this place. The South Lyme union Sunday school held their annual picnic at Chapman's Beach Thursday afternoon. P. Cox and cousin, J. Thompson, of New Haven were visitors at William Slate's Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Bramble and Mrs. E.

J. Luce were visitors in New London

PRESTON.

Miss Maude Rouse returned to Wes-terly Monday after visiting relatives in this place. Charles Allen and Nathan Brand went coon hunting Saturday night and captured a large one near the Cedar

Mrs. John Wilson is entertaining relairs from Worcester.

Sybil Tillinghast of Providence, who has been spending several weeks with Mrs. Charles Crary, returned home Wednesday. Bessie Crary returned with her for a week's visit.

Several from this place attended the Williamatte came meeting. Willimantic camp meeting.

GRISWOLD

Miss Anna Buck of Monson is visit-Miss Anna Rack of Monson is visiting friends in town.

Miss Lacy Worcester of Norwich is
visiting Miss Lacy Lathrop.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Geer visited
friends at Ekona this week Wednesday and Thursday.

A number from this place was at the
Withmantic camp grounds last Sunday.

The Array of Candidates for Mayor Indicates Abundant Political Timber

NEW Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

The Firemen Meet the Deficit for State Convention-The Moving Picture Craze Shows No Abatement-The Plans of the Morgan Iron Works.

The local democrats are actually getting into the swing politically and are taking the regulation step that will lead them to the nominating caucus in due time, and they will erobably indulge in the same modus operandi that they did when the party had a fight-ing chance of winning out in New London. After the booming that has London. After the booming that has leen going on for the past three months, and the democrats of prominence leaving the sinking ship, it began to look as if a lone democrat would volunteer to accept the nonlination for mayor in order that he might have opportunity to vote the ticket that his daddle did in the long, long ago. But the desertion of the ship by some of its acceptive crew seems to have had the effect of bringing out some of the old guard, some of the fellows who were brushed aside to make way for some of the chaps who are now with the party in the majority Now, there are some old democratic shell-backs who will not down, but they are comparatively few in New London. These paratively few in New London. These few are not unlike the shamrock in the song of Ireland which, though cast upon the sod, will take root and flour-ish there though under foot it is trod.

While a new name is added almost daily to the list of engibles for the mayorship on the republican side, they are few and fur between on the democratic side. Up to date but two democratic side. Up to date but two democrats have announced willingness to lead the party in the apparent for-lorn hope, and under former conditions the chances of the election of either would be considered fair. But now all this is changed and a democrat has no chance whatever of getting a ma-jority of the votes in New London, So, when Charles S. Starr and Alton T. Miner are brought forward as can-didates it is in a self-sacrificing way. and with not the slightest hope of being elected.

Mr. Starr is certainly well quali-fied for the office of mayor, and poli-tics aside would probably be the choice of the majority of clizens, but he drills in the wrong squad, and party politics will prevail, just as they should. Mr. Starr has bad experience as a member of the court of common council, has been a life-long consist-ent democrat a native New Londoner council, has been a life-long consistent democrat a native New Londoner and the son of the late Mayor George E. Starr. He is a successful business man and a true representative of the city, but the only chance Mr. Starr will have of becoming mayor of New London will be for him to change his politics and await his turn. That he probably will never do, and in consequence his chance of heing the fast citizen of his native city is very slim. Still, he is commended by some of his party associates for permitting the use of his name in connection with the mayoralty nomination.

Alton T. Miner, although a compar-atively new comer to the city, has been very prominent in local politics and a staunch supporter of lives. F. Mahan in his leadership of the local demonin his leadership of the local democracy, and, as a partial reward, has been elected a member of the court of common council for two terms, has been delegate to party conventions and been honored with caucus and city convention chairmanships. He, too, is a successful business man and popular with those who know him best. Mr. Miner has also been interested as a member of the Committee of Fif-teen in the reform work that has been attempted in New London during the past year, and has perhaps the enmity of a certain class of democrats in consequence. But a little thing like that will make no difference to Mr. Miner in this connection, for he has no more show of being mayor of New London, than a democrat has of he-London than a democrat has of be-

coming governor of Connecticut. With a couple of candidates for mayor the remnant of the democratic party in New London is happy, and opportunity will be given the faithful few to assemble in caucus and go through the political moves, just as they used when there was a local party in fact as well as in terms. It to the they used when there was a local party in fact as well as in name. Up to the present minute Mr. Mahan has not made a peep on the local political sit-uation, nor has William H. Farrell. the self-appointed chairman of the democratic town committee, which gives rise to the belief that the party schine is in the garage and beyond

A general reorganization of the party would not be without good results, for it would give the unconvertible some happiness and would be of insome nappiness and would be of in-calculable good to the dominant par-ty, which is now suffering from an over-supply of candidates, occasioned by the extreme weakness of the op-

With nearly \$20,000 in the building fund it is fair to presume that the work of constructing that Young Men's Christian Association building in New London will soon be commenced. Ever since a branch of the association was formed in New London and first took received in the Linicus building this formed in New London and first took rooms in the Linicus building this home of their own agitation has been a leading topic. When the Harris building was erected it was the intention, now it is said, of the late Jonathan N. Harris, who was then greatly interested in the association work to provide for a home in his new building. That part now accupied by the New London Business college was planned especially for the Y. M. C. A., and for a time was occupied by the association. The floor directly above was also wanted, but when gymnasium was also wanted, but when gymnasium was mentioned. Mr. Harris demurred.

Then there came a split, and eventually the association was removed to the B. F. Beckwith building in State street. Still, the desire for a new building prerominated. The present property in State street was secured and then the Strickland house was converted into an association home, although it was not adapted for the purpose. Subsequently a large gymnasium was built in the rear and the association grew and prospered, and the need of a new and commodious building was more apparent than ever. building was more apparent than ever. The Ladles' Auxiliary took up the work and succeeded in gathering into the new building fund nearly \$20,000. and this sum would seem sufficient to start the building with, especially as there is no land to purchase, and the present gymnasium building will be used in connection with the proposed

Many buildings of even more praten-sion than will be the new Y. M. C. A-have been started with less than \$20,000. Once commenced, there will be waye and means for the ultimate paying of of indeatedness, and with a building day.

Mrs. Calvin Viddenn and son, Herbert, of Staten 1st I were the guests of Mrs. Levi Lord last week.

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With the extensive work of the as-so listing that would be p-arble in new quarters, the general public would have a better idea of the scope and importance, and their purse strings loosened accordingly. But if it is the loosened accordingly. But if it is the plan to wait until there is cash in hand to pay it before the building is finished, none of the present donors will probably be spared long enough to enjoy and see others enjoy a modern Y. M. C. A, building in New London.

Just because the court of common council voted \$200 for the firemen to assist in the entertainment of the visitors to the city on the occasion of the itors to the city on the occasion of the recent state firemen's convention, which the aldermen had no right to do under the charter, the members of the fire department are called upon to make good a deficit of just \$212.50. The several companies in addition to the special entertainment of the visitors contributed \$140 to the general fund, while Chief Stanners collected from a few of the citizens the sum of

from a few of the citizens the sum of \$142.50. The expense of the feast at the Ko-The expense of the feast at the Ko-nomoc house, the services of the Coast Artillery band and incidentals footed up \$495. Had the city fathers made good there would have been no de-ficiency and the expense was incurred before the corporation counsel gave decision that the vote appropriating the \$200 was illegal.

The visiting firemen were royally received and left for their homes with a good impression of New London and of the hospitality of the citizens and of the hospitality of the citizens and the firemen. The local firemen, too, had pleasure in making it pleasant for the other firemen from all sections of the state, and, if it comes to a showdown, will pay the deficiency without a whimper. But the citizens should not permit the firemen to pay the freight, but should chip in and raise the required amount, and this they would have done, if approached before the convention day.

the convention day.

It is understood that the chief engineer volunteered to call upon the citizens generally for contributions, but citizens generally for contributions, but only visited comparatively few. Had this preliminary canvass been done properly, there is not the slightest doubt but that the \$500 required would have been cheerfully contributed and the treasuries of the several fire companies not disturbed to meet the expenses of the entertaining of the delegates to the convention. It is not too late now to give all who desire opportunity to do what they would have cheerfully done, if requested, two weeks ago.

That moving picture craze which struck New London about three years ago shows no abatement and the wonder is how so many people who took up the picture fad have now acquired the picture habit. With the exception of a few transients, the same people patronize the show six nights a week and the matinees, too. The city now supports a new, roomy and expensive lay of electric signs and lights, yet play of electric signs and lights, yet the managers seem to thrive and pros-per even at the small price of admis-

There is another picture house, not so large, but almost as expensive, and that, too, is doing big business. Almost every night when these places open hundreds are lined up waiting for admittance, but the houses are all too small to admit all who desire to see the first performance, and as a result the sidewalks are blocked in front of the playhouses until the second per-formance is to commence. Soon a third house will be opened and those who are familiar with the

proportions of the craze assert that overcrowded houses in the three will

be the rule. There is no denying the fact that cheap shows have the call in New London, and among picture show managers this city has gained the reputation of being the best paying city in New England for that special form of amusement, which is considered by some as a left-handed compliment. The license paid to the city by the mana-gers of these playhouses is so small that you cannot notice it in the re-ceipts of the city from outside sources and is not at all in proportion to the amount of business done. It is said that a circus pays more for a one day's license than all these playhouses combined do in a whole year. It is about time there was a change made in the amusement license line in New

Just over the line in the little state of Rhode Island, the Cradle of Religious Liberty, the state laws fixes the fees for public amusements at \$2 for each performance, and this price prevails just the same in the large eities and in the small towns. If such a law prevailed in Connecticut these picture houses would pay over to the treasurer \$6 a day each, or \$42 a week, a total of \$2,184 a year. In comparison with \$2,184 a year. In comparison wit taxes on business of a different charac ter such a license fee would not be ex-cessive. But fortunately for the plo-ture men, the Rhode Island laws do, not prevail in Connecticut, the Land not prevail in C of Steady Habits.

Ever since the Morgan Iron Works at Fort Neck were taken over by the New London Marine Iron Works there has been many changes for the general improvement of the concern, and there has been almost continuous talk of the opening up of an immense industry by opening up of an immense industry by that company. While there have been changes in management, up to date there have been no surface indications of making the plant a great shipbuilding and repairing industry. However, there are rumors of recent circulation that the expected is soon to come and that plans are now being made for a general change and extension of the plant, and that where now there are

plant, and that where now there are tens employed there will be hundreds in the not far distant future.

Just what these plans are those per-sonally interested are not posting on the outer walls, but are evidently plug-ging away at their business ideas and are confident of satisfactory results. The gentlemen now connected with the concern are trained business men and concern are trained business men and are not giving out advance details for publication. It is known, however, that measurements have been taken of adjoining land and that the plan includes an enlargement of the plant, which of course means are increase in business, and that is favorable to advancement of the industrial importance of New Landon.

The location of the plant for manufacturing purposes, with marine work as a specialty, is the equal of any on the Atlantic coast, and there is one (Continued on Page Bleven.)